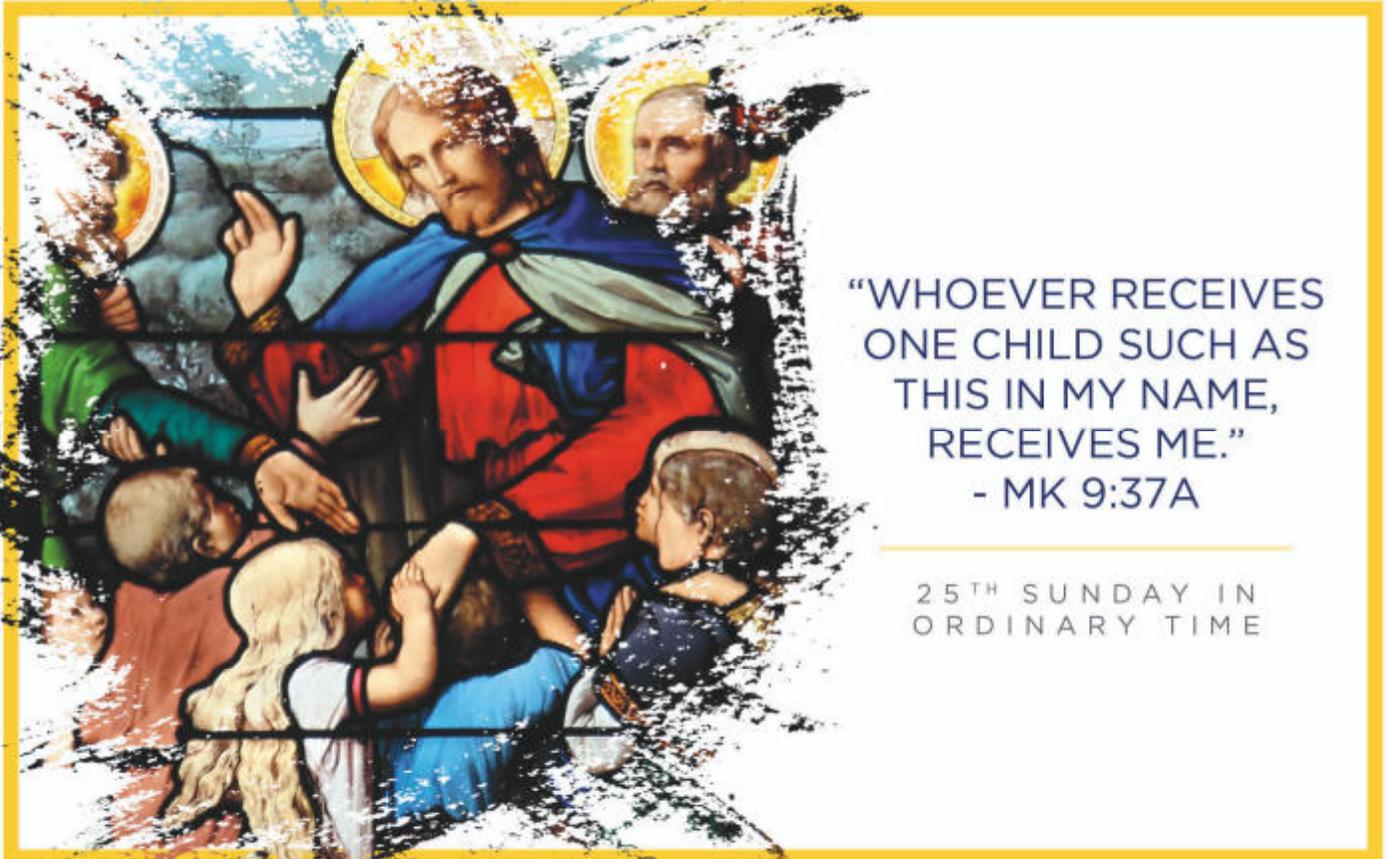


# Cathedral of St. Peter

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



“WHOEVER RECEIVES  
ONE CHILD SUCH AS  
THIS IN MY NAME,  
RECEIVES ME.”  
- MK 9:37A

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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## *Mission Statement*

Cathedral of St. Peter is a Roman Catholic Church whose mission is that of Jesus Christ: the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. This is accomplished by preaching the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments and evangelizing the world around us.



## FROM THE PEN OF FATHER KEN Whoever Receives Me...

The Apostles are arguing and quarreling with each other, from today's Gospel, over who is the best disciple. A very childish discussion to be sure. In a time when children were to be seen and not heard, Jesus refers to a child's lowly status as a model of discipleship. Time and again Jesus reminds his hearers to take the lowly place and to serve rather than be served.

With the faith and humility of a child, we approach the triple challenge of our faith with the desire for love, justice, and peace. We anticipate that our response to that challenge will bring us to the mystery of the cross. In Mark's Gospel, Mark is conveying to us the urgency of the Gospel message in the world today.

When we squabble about who is the best or the greatest, we become distracted from our goal of the Kingdom. Much of the reform of the religious orders over the centuries was because they had lost their way from their original purpose. The Second Vatican Council was proposed since the Church had become more of a navel-gazing entity, rather than making known the Gospel message.

We are great and holy because we have communion with God through Jesus Christ. We approach the Lord with the simplicity of faith and humility. And, he calls us to come up higher.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

There is still time to join our RCIA group. We especially welcome non-Catholics who want to learn more about our Faith as well as Catholics who have never been Confirmed. We meet on Mondays at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. No pre-registration is required. If you have questions, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office and Deacon Bob will contact you.



### ALTAR SERVERS

We would like to extend an invitation to all current 5<sup>th</sup> - 12 grade students who are not already involved in this

ministry to consider becoming an Altar Server at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The ministry of Altar Server is an important ministry and part of our regular celebration of the Eucharist every Sunday.

**Training for all Altar Servers (current and new) will take place on Saturday, Sept 25 at 9:30 a.m. The training session will take place in church. Please contact the parish office to register for this training at 815-965-2765 or by email [office@cathedralofstpeter.org](mailto:office@cathedralofstpeter.org).**

We thank you and your child for your commitment to the ministry of an Altar Server.

## JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR



If you are interested in bringing your musical talents to our weekend Masses, please contact our Music Director Adam Singleton at 815-965-2765 or [asingleton@cathedralofstpeter.org](mailto:asingleton@cathedralofstpeter.org)

The Cathedral of St. Peter will also be having a children's choir during Mass (ages 8 and up). If interested, please contact Adam.

## Your Sacrificial Offering

Financial Blessings, September 12, 2021

Loose Collection .....	\$4,910.00
Offertory Envelopes .....	\$1,393.60
Electronic Contributions.....	\$3,201.50
Total Offertory.....	\$9,505.10

### Other Contributions

Improvement (Building) Fund .....	\$70.00
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### Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Our 2021 Stewardship Goal:.....	\$62,260.00
Amount Pledge.....	\$59,034.07
Amount Paid.....	\$44,076.35

Thank you to all of those who have pledged to this appeal. Every pledge brings us closer to our goal. **EVERY** pledge helps.

### Save the Date – Women of the Year Banquet Rockford Deanery Council of Catholic Women

We are pleased to announce that our banquet honoring the 2020 Rockford Deanery Women of Inspiration with Bishop David J. Malloy is Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Franchesco's Ristorante.

Due to very limited seating at the event, it is suggested if parishes have not already honored their 2020 Woman of the Year, they hold a parish recognition so more can attend.

More information on the Banquet will be forthcoming.

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



Life Chain picture

### ROCKFORD LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 3, 2021

2PM to 3PM

### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Alpine Rd. and Highcrest Rd.

Posters will be available after 1:45

### COAST TO COAST ROSARY

Sun, October 10, 2019 3PM

Mary, Mother of Mercy Rosary Walk

Weather permitting or in the Church

### ST RITA CHURCH

6254 Valley Knoll Dr., Rockford



### Speaker: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

In this presentation, inspirational Catholic evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will discuss the relationship between the sacredness of family life and the brokenness of the culture, and how the grace received in the sacraments deepens and strengthens both parents and children on their journey toward heaven.

### ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before



you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along

the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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### Knights of Columbus Golf Outing and Dinner

Sponsored by Councils 470, 4941 and 15530

**Saturday, September 25, 2021, Tee Off at 12:00 p.m.**

Ingersoll Golf Course 101 Daisyfield Rd Rockford, IL 61102

Cost: \$100 Includes: 18 holes, cart, and a drink ticket during golf plus dinner

Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m.: The Rockford Knights Club 1429 Myott Ave. Rockford, IL 61103

\$35 per guest (if purchased separate from golf)

Menu: Steak or Chicken, potato, vegetable, salad, bread and dessert.

Silent Auction/Raffle during Dinner

Proceeds from this event will benefit Carpenter's Place in Rockford

Please remove and send and make checks payable to Bishop Muldoon K of C Council 470

Questions: Call Ed Geeser at 815-540-9224 or Peter Smith at 815-227-4616

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Welcome new members

A Prayer Shawl Ministry has been active at the Cathedral of Saint Peter for over six years. The purpose is to create hand-knitted and crocheted shawls to provide comfort for those facing a serious illness. A small, but dedicated, group has been meeting in the Fellowship Hall and working on the shawls at home. About 110 prayer shawls have already been distributed to those in need.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Wednesday of every other month in the Fellowship hall. Here are the upcoming dates:

October 13, 2021 Wednesday  
December 8, 2021 Wednesday  
February 9, 2022 Wednesday  
April 13, 2022 Wednesday  
June 8, 2022 Wednesday

All gatherings will be at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you join us. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to knit or crochet to support this ministry contact [amhammes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amhammes@sbcglobal.net) for more information. If you know of a family member or dear friend who is suffering from a serious illness and would like a prayer shawl, please contact the Cathedral of St. Peter Office, 815-965-2765.

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### HELP NEEDED!!!

We are currently in need of Wedding Coordinators/Liaisons.

Wedding Coordinators/  
Liaisons: Wedding

liaisons are an essential element of our wedding preparation here at the Cathedral. Liaisons are responsible for working directly with the priest and the Director of Music, getting the church ready for the wedding rehearsals, walking the couples and families through the wedding liturgy, locking up after the rehearsal, being present the day of the wedding, helping with the needs of the couple and attendants, and helping with the wedding procession. This ministry requires an understanding of Catholic Liturgy, the ability to give direction, and a true heart for hospitality and ministry.

If interested please contact the parish office at 815-965-2765 or [office@cathedralofstpeter.org](mailto:office@cathedralofstpeter.org)


**Saturday, September 18, Weekday**

8:00 am For All Souls in Purgatory

**Vigil Mass:**

4:15 pm +Charles Didier

Deceased Members of the Samolinski Family

**Sunday, September 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am +Jim Day

 Deceased Members of the  
James Brophy Family

11:00 am +Kathleen Marinelli

+John Hamaker

5:00 pm +John Owens

+Michael Muzzarelli

**Monday, September 20, SS Andrew Kim Tae –gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang**

8:00 am +Justin &amp; Genevieve Riley

**Tuesday, September 21, St. Matthew**

8:00 am +John Owens

**Wednesday, September 22, Weekday**

8:00 am +Ed Allen

+Richard Giesen

**Thursday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:00 am +Helen Whalen

**Friday, September 24, Weekday**

8:00 am +Karen Carlson

**Saturday, September 25, Weekday**

8:00 am +Peter &amp; Genevieve Marinelli

**Vigil Mass:**

4:15 pm +Patricia Jamison

+Anne Solar &amp; Sr. Marilyn Brown

**Sunday, September 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am +Josephine Mroz

Intention of Donna Carroll

9:00 am +Sr. Ellen Thomas Reynolds

+John Owens

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

5:00 pm +John Hamaker

+Patricia Long

**Sanctuary  
Cleaner**

**Sept 24 J. McGee**

**Alexander Thomas Zhurba**


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### Receptionist

Mrs. Connie Murphy  
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### Director of Music

Mr. Adam G. Singleton  
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### Coordinator of Religious Education

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### Cathedral of St. Peter

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### NFP Contact

Mrs. Mary O'Grady, RN  
815-332-3015  
mary.e.o'grady@osfhealthcare.org  
osfhealthcare.org/services/fertility/

### All Saints Catholic Academy

409 N. First Street  
Rockford, IL 61107  
www.allsaintsrockford.org  
Phone..... 815-962-8515

### Principal,

Mr. Michael Kagan

### School Secretary,

Mrs. Julie Nelson

### Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 4:15 pm  
Sunday ..... 7:30 am, 9:00 am  
.....11:00 am, 5:00 pm  
Daily .....8:00 a.m.

Holy Days..... 6:30 am, 8:00 am,  
.....12:00 pm and 6:30 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday..... 6:30-8:00 pm

### Sacraments

#### Baptism

Most Sundays of the month after the 11:00 am Mass. Telephone Parish Office for program registration.

#### Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30-7:15 pm; Sat. 8:30-9:00 am, 3:30 pm-4:00 pm or by appointment.

#### Matrimony

Please contact the Cathedral Office at 815-965-2765 or office@cathedralofstpeter.org at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

## Parish Office Hours

Hours ..... (M-Thurs) 8:00 am—1:00 pm  
Friday ..... 8:00 am-12:00 pm  
Sunday ..... 7:00 am-11:00 am  
Phone..... 815-965-2765  
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